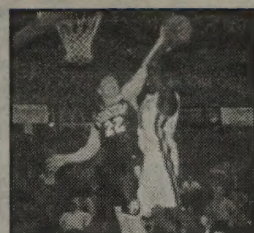




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## Enterprise competition begins

*Winning students to receive \$5,000 for proposed business*

By Jen Calkins  
Staff Editor

Students who have an idea for a new service or product may receive the money to start it up. Due to the business and accounting departments and a member of the board of trustees.

Entrepreneurial students have the chance to start up the company of their dreams, thanks to the generosity of a college trustee and his wife.

St. Michael's first Enterprise Plan Competition is a contest for groups of undergraduate students to design the best business plan. The winner of the competition will be awarded \$5,000, donated by board of trustees member Peter Worrell, '79, and his wife, Kareen Kendrick Worrell, '77.

Plans will be judged on the basis of the creativity of the idea, the thoroughness of research and the likelihood of the success of the enterprise, in addition to other factors, said business and accounting professor Bill Anderson.

The social value of the proposed business will play a large factor in the project's overall evaluation, Anderson said.

"What we thought would make the competition have a more St. Mike's flavor was to incorporate the social aspect of businesses and to open it up to nonprofit organizations," he said.

Worrell visits campus about once a month as a trustee, and the



Photo courtesy of President's Office

**Trustee Peter Worrell hopes students from all majors participate in the Enterprise Competition.**

idea for the Enterprise Plan Competition came about after he visited classes.

"I had asked to attend a class or two to be connected to what's happening in the classroom," he said. "I wished I could connect the learning taking place to application in the outside world."

"For me, where I've learned the most is from applying knowledge," he said.

Worrell proposed the competition after several conversations that focused on the real responsibility of businesses, Anderson said.

Although this is a business plan competition, it is open to

students of any major.

"I'm hopeful that the students [who participate] will not just be business students," Worrell said. "I'm hoping that inspiration will come out of other courses and subjects."

The competition has begun, and Anderson estimates about 15 groups of students are participating. A statement of interest was due Feb. 4, and students will present and be judged on their plan April 17.

Although it may seem enticing to use the \$5,000 prize to pay for tuition or buy a car, Anderson and Worrell hope the winning students use the cash to start up their proposed business.

"It is possible to start an organization with the money," Anderson said. "It's not required, but how you use the money is part of the judging criteria."

For seniors Michele Pisacano and Lesley Zimmerman, the decision to participate in the Enterprise Business Plan was an easy one.

"Because part of the senior year business administration curriculum involves writing a business plan, it was a logical match," she said.

Pisacano and Zimmerman have taken the social aspect of the competition to heart.

"We're creating a business focused on helping teachers and students achieve the new Vermont standards for education," Pisacano said.

## SA committee to educate, register student voters

By Nick Callanan  
Staff Writer

Last week senior Mary Cronin sat at a table in the lobby of Alliot Hall surrounded by red, white and blue bunting; white Christmas lights and several colorful posters.

As the secretary of student policy for the Student Association, she is busy handling public relations for the SA.

But while she informs sophomore, junior and senior presidential hopefuls about petition deadlines for the upcoming student elections, a political race of a different kind is on her mind: The Vermont primary is on March 7.

"We need to inform students about campaign issues and the organizations involved in politics; but we also need to make students aware there are issues that affect them," she said.

Cronin is the chairwoman of Campaign 2000, a new St. Michael's committee whose mission statement is: "To motivate, educate and excite voters about the political process and the role they play in it."

"The student/voter ratio is very low - the lowest since Vietnam," Cronin said.

In 1996 only 32 percent of 18 to 25-year-olds voted in the presidential election, down from 52 percent in 1972.

Campaign 2000 will work

to show young voters the importance of casting their votes.

"Social Security is going to run out in 2015. We need to get involved now and start thinking about consequences when we retire," Cronin said.

"Minimum wage, unemployment, social security, education, we may think that these don't affect us now, but they do," she said.

Campaign 2000 will "run a voter registration drive, educate students and motivate them to vote and contribute to a healthy democracy," Cronin said.

The committee plans to set up registration tables in Alliot from Feb. 21 to Feb. 24.

The goal is to register St. Michael's students, but Campaign 2000 will help "anybody who wants to register - faculty, staff and students. We'd like to register as many as we can."

Cronin encourages students to register to vote in Vermont, even if it isn't their home state.

"Students at St. Michael's may be more affected by local Vermont issues than the issues in their home state."

Cronin said that it is less of a hassle voting in Vermont than dealing with the absentee balloting system.

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## Camp Johnson F-16 pilot training disturbs classes, campus

By Adam Lanthier  
Staff Writer

The occasional thundering of F-16 jets in the sky overhead, is a common occurrence at St. Michael's College.

The F-16s take off from Camp Johnson, the Vermont National Guard headquarters, that neighbors St. Michael's, and are used to train pilots for wartime missions.

With 33 pilots registering more than 4,000 hours per year, the largest complaint about the noise they create on campus seems to be its effect on classroom environments.

"In the classrooms everyone gets quiet and the professors wait until after they pass before they start up again," senior Brian Wallace said.

One such professor is John Izzi of the St. Michael's philosophy department.

"It's extremely annoying, and impossible to teach. I can't speak, the students can't speak we just stare at each other for three minutes until they pass," he said.

"It's extremely disruptive, and I don't see how they could stop," Izzi said.

As part of his job, State Public Affairs Officer Lieutenant Michael Johnson fields questions

**"I can't speak, the students can't speak. We just stare at each other for three minutes until they pass."**

**John Izzi  
professor of philosophy**

for Camp Johnson. But the noise problem is one with few answers.

"The noise has always been a concern, but that's the nature of the beast. There's not a lot that can be done," Johnson said.

Chief of Safety for Camp

Johnson and pilot, Major Hank Harder routinely flies over St. Michael's during his training missions.

He explained that it is impossible to alter the flight routes.

"The whole landing pattern, both for the civilian and military jets, is over St. Michael's," Harder said.

"There's only a certain amount of airspace that will line you up with the runway. Unfortunately, St. Michael's falls right under that airspace," he said.

Two efforts designed to reduce noise were prohibiting

flights before noon on Sundays and limiting the numbers of approaches pilots can make during the summer.

The noise complaints addressed by Camp Johnson increase during the summer, Harder said.

"The noise isn't as much of a problem in winter."

"We usually get more noise complaints in summer because windows are open," he said.

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# St. Michael's College Security Log

Excerpts from the Feb. 4 through Feb. 10 security report. Compiled by Director of Security Peter Soons.

### Friday, Feb. 4

6:10 a.m. Cruiser maintenance at Chuck's Mobil.  
8:10 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on campus road.  
8:10 a.m. Medical assist on road behind Tarrant.  
11:25 a.m. Nuisance complaint in Joyce Hall.

### Saturday, Feb. 5

1:10 a.m. Complaint in Hamel Hall.  
1:35 a.m. Fire alarm in Ryan Hall.  
2:15 a.m. Drunkenness in Ryan Hall.  
2:50 a.m. Honeywell alarm in Alumni Hall.  
4:54 a.m. Medical assist in Alumni Hall.  
10:00 a.m. Foot patrol on North Campus.  
10:30 a.m. Parking enforcement at Ross.  
10:38 a.m. Escort/ride from Act One.

1:00 p.m. Follow-up in Ryan Hall.  
4:00 p.m. Fire equipment in Ryan Hall.  
4:18 p.m. Smell of oil or gas in 400s.  
4:41 p.m. Medical assist in 300s.  
5:27 p.m. Medical assist in Alumni Hall.  
6:07 p.m. Odor violation in Linnehan Hall.  
10:53 p.m. Alcohol violation in Alumni Hall.

### Sunday, Feb. 6

1:08 a.m. Drunkenness in Joyce Hall.  
1:08 a.m. Assist in Joyce Hall.  
1:34 a.m. Assist in Ryan Hall.  
1:36 a.m. Assist in Ryan Hall.  
8:43 a.m. Physical plant assist in Sloane Hall.  
10:05 a.m. Motor vehicle operation on campus road.  
12:57 p.m. Unlawful entry on College Parkway.  
1:48 p.m. Fire equipment in Ross.

2:00 p.m. Fire equipment in North Campus.  
3:00 p.m. Fire equipment in quad.  
4:30 p.m. Fire equipment on main campus.  
4:50 p.m. Parking complaint at Alumni Hall.

### Monday, Feb. 7

1:15 a.m. Fire equipment in Ryan Hall.  
3:09 a.m. Fire equipment on North Campus.  
5:25 a.m. Foot patrol, at Joyce Hall.  
9:30 a.m. Parking enforcement, all campus.  
1:00 p.m. Fire equipment in Lyons Hall.

### Tuesday, Feb. 8

1:44 a.m. Alarm in Tarrant.  
6:10 a.m. Cruiser maintenance at Chuck's Mobil.  
10:20 a.m. Parking complaint in Rotunda.

2:00 p.m. Parking enforcement at library.  
7:55 p.m. Plumbing call in 200s.  
9:53 p.m. Heat call in Alumni Hall.

### Wednesday, Feb. 9

1:28 a.m. Noise complaint in Purtill Hall.  
7:46 p.m. Plumbing call, Alliot Hall.

### Thursday, Feb. 10

2:35 a.m. Fire equipment, Joyce Hall.  
4:05 a.m. Physical plant assist, Alliot Hall.  
7:11 a.m. Disabled vehicle on campus road.  
8:00 a.m. Parking enforcement on main campus.  
11:20 a.m. Medical assist in Alliot Hall.  
1:09 p.m. Towed vehicle, Founders Hall.  
1:24 p.m. Fire alarm in Ryan Hall.  
1:34 p.m. Fire alarm in Ryan Hall.

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# Nation faces indecision on death penalty

By Andrea Leptinsky  
(U. Missouri)

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. -- Capital punishment has been a hot topic in political circles for years. Now, overshadowed by public uncertainty and political indifference, the issue has reared its head at a national level.

Concerns as well as support from politicians and activist groups began in January, when Illinois Gov. George Ryan contemplated the idea of a state moratorium on the death penalty.

On Feb. 1, Ryan officially declared the halt to executions in Illinois. He said it would stay in effect until he could be sure all death-row inmates were guilty.

"I now favor a moratorium because I have grave concerns about our state's shameful record of convicting innocent people and putting them on death row," Ryan said in his statement.

Following Ryan's announcement, Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., issued a letter Feb. 2 to President Clinton requesting a federal moratorium on capital punishment.

In his request, Feingold asked the president to suspend federal executions while the government examined all aspects of the death penalty and tried to guarantee that innocent people will not be executed.

"I urge you to suspend all federal executions until the Department of Justice can review the administration of the federal death penalty to ensure that it is fairly and correctly imposed," Feingold said in the letter.

Feingold said he hopes the remaining 37 states that impose capital punishment will follow the example Ryan set when he issued the first moratorium.

"The problems of inadequate representation, lack of access to

DNA testing, police misconduct, racial bias and even simple errors are not unique to Illinois," he said.

"There are problems that have plagued the administration of capital punishment around the country since the reinstatement of capital punishment," he said.

A spokesman for the White House said President Clinton is considering Feingold's request. Many people, though, do not support this request.

Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, believes deeply in the death penalty, said Paul Marcone, Traficant's chief of staff.

Ohio has the death penalty. Traficant feels taxpayers should not be forced to supply food and clothing for people who committed inhumane crimes, Marcone said.

"He thinks it's wrong that taxpayers have to pay for a brutal murderer for the rest of their

life," Marcone said. "It sends a message that society is not going to put up with these types of murderers."

Those who do not support the death penalty suggest a punishment of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole in place of execution.

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, life containment requires the government to spend approximately \$3.1 million.

The cost of death-penalty cases, including the costs of appeals and the execution, is approximately \$1.88 million.

Despite this, Missouri Rep. Mike Schilling, D-Springfield, said he supports the abolishment of the death penalty.

"It's just morally wrong, no matter what excuse you have," he said. "It is unbalanced and unfair, and it is discriminatory."

# College sports teams join in NAACP South Carolina boycott

By Nathan Ashby-Kuhlman  
(Swarthmore College)

(U-WIRE) SWARTHMORE, Pa. Joining in the NAACP boycott of South Carolina, Swarthmore College has decided to withdraw the spring break plans of six sports teams to train there. The affected teams women's lacrosse, softball and tennis, as well as men's golf and men's and women's track and field were scheduled to practice in Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head but are planning to travel elsewhere.

The decision, made Feb. 8, follows similar actions by Bryn Mawr and Haverford and Temple University, which are all supporting an NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) boycott of South Carolina because of the

Confederate flag that flies over the state Capitol.

"The Swarthmore College administration, affirming the value this institution places on a humane and just society, has decided that our spring athletic teams will support the NAACP boycott of South Carolina over the issue of the continued display of the Confederate flag," President Al Bloom said in a statement last week. Bloom was not on campus to comment.

The NAACP launched "economic sanctions" against the state on Jan. 1, asking people with travel plans to South Carolina to cancel them until the flag is removed from the state capitol, where it has been flying since 1962.

"I think in this case you've got a governmental body, the leg-

islature, [displaying a symbol] which signals to a large segment of the population, and not just African-Americans, a time period of violence and repression, and slavery," said Maurice Eldridge, the college's executive assistant to the president.

He said when an organization like the NAACP takes such a stand, "it fits within our values to support them."

But the college's decision has the coaches who had training plans for South Carolina scrambling to make new arrangements. With the exception of the men's golf team, all had tentative plans.

The NCAA requires training trips include at least one competition, but trying to find a willing school this late in the academic year is difficult.

"In tennis you're only

allowed to have 20 matches in the season," women's tennis co-captain Michaela DeSoucey '00 said Feb. 9. "Most schools already have their 20 matches booked," she said.

The women's lacrosse team is in a similar situation. Coach Karen Borbee said she had arranged for a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., but she had not arranged for a match yet.

Track and field coach Luci Rosalia said she had just signed the contract for the South Carolina package last week.

Although the coaches have arranged for new trips and are sure they will be able to schedule competitions, it has come at the expense of backing out of previous arrangements with spring break trip operators and other schools.

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## Students aim to raise political awareness

Committee hopes for successful voter turnouts for primaries and election

### CAMPAIGN

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Financial Aid Associate Director Dan Couture said registering to vote in Vermont will not hurt out-of-staters' financial aid packages.

Campaign 2000 will be registering non-Vermont students who wish to vote absentee in their home state. "It might be too late to register absentees for the primary, but we'll definitely be able to do it for the election," Cronin said.

At their voter registration tables, Campaign 2000 will provide registration cards for Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

All these states except for New Hampshire are holding their primaries March 7. New Hampshire's primary was Feb. 1.

Besides registering voters, Campaign 2000 will attempt to educate students about political issues and candidates.

"People vote based upon polls, not personal opinion. They wait for CNN to tell them who the frontrunner is and decide from there. Instead, students need to stay involved and make an educated vote," Campaign 2000 committee member and senior Josh Mesick said.

As a way to educate students, Cronin said Campaign 2000 will invite political figures to come and speak at St. Michael's.

"The speakers can speak on issues and how their organizations are involved in the politics of campaigns," Cronin said.

She said there is a long list,



Photo by Jen Calkins

Members of the Campaign 2000 committee include, left to right: Shaun Bryer, Matt DeSorgher, Drew Russo, Matt Colby, Mary Cronin, Jon Stolpinski and Caitlyn Roberts.

but some potential speakers are: Ilana Kass, from the National War College, Bob Carpenter, vice president of the polling firm American Viewpoint and Mark Russell, a political satirist who works with PBS.

"Ideally we'd like to get the frontrunners to speak, but we are going to bring speakers to campus so they can educate stu-

Cronin said the flyers, which will be available at the registration tables and other places around campus, would include information on the candidates and addresses to Web sites where students can obtain further information.

"I consider Project Votesmart, [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org), to be an excellent, unbiased site," Cronin said.

Campaign 2000 is also looking into establishing St. Michael's as a new voter precinct for Chittenden County.

Cronin said although this prospect would be ideal, she added, "it is highly unlikely that it will happen."

For more information on Campaign 2000, visit the Student Association web-site at <http://personalweb.smcvt.edu/sa>.

Campaign 2000 committee member sophomore Matthew Colby encourages students to set aside time to educate themselves.

"Take 15 minutes to browse through three web-sites and you can at least make an educated decision," he said.

**"Students need to stay involved and make an educated vote."**

**Josh Mesick  
Senior, member of  
Campaign 2000**

dents," Cronin said.

The committee is considering organizing debates between local political speakers and community members, she said.

In addition to inviting political speakers, Campaign 2000 will distribute posters and flyers with information on the November elections.

## St. Michael's makes use of Camp Johnson land for athletics; National Guard utilizes Tarrant center

### PLANES

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During winter months, each aircraft carries external tanks holding a total of 740 more gallons of fuel.

The tanks make the jets much heavier, requiring afterburners to take off in which increases the noise produced.

"We try to cancel the afterburner as quickly as possible when we reach our minimum safe speed," Harder said.

"We try to climb out at a steep angle such that we get away from the ground as quickly as possible, and that also reduces the noise," he said. "We try to be as good neighbors as possible."

Camp Johnson has an agreement with St. Michael's to use Doc Jacobs Field as an athletic field.

Director of Physical Plant Tim Pedrotty, familiar with the agreement, feels there is a good working relationship between

the Tarrant Center at lunch hour so they can stay fit. With the growth of the teams, we couldn't accommodate them without those fields. It's been a real good deal for both us and them," he said.

Johnson said the noise shouldn't be a reminder of war, but a sign of peace, since the area has military strength.

"They have to train so if the time comes when they're called on to do their job; in war-time, they're capable of doing it," Johnson said.

"Our fighter wing has won numerous awards, making it the top fighter wing in the country in several areas and categories," he said.

Summing up the situation, Harder believes that the noise is a small price to pay for our liberties as American citizens.

"Around here," Harder said, "we consider it, and I do, too, as the sound of freedom."



Photo by Adam Lanthier

The Camp Johnson planes follow take-off and landing patterns that bring them over campus.

neighbors.

"We received the 12 acres of land eight years ago, and the school supplies the National Guard with academic scholarships," Pedrotty said.

"They are also given use of

## Editorial

### Affecting positive change

Do students on this campus care about anything other than good beer and the money to buy it with?

The Sweatshop Labor Conference held on campus Saturday, Feb. 5 was poorly attended by St. Michael's students.

Big surprise.

Political science professor Bill Grover said about 100 people attended "We weren't expecting that many students from St. Michael's to attend. We realize it's Saturday and they have other things to do."

Six seniors spent months organizing the conference from start to finish, trying to affect positive change on campus.

Does any one besides the Political Science Club care about sweatshop labor? On a Saturday morning? And are we still going to wear Ralph Lauren, J. Crew and Gap clothing?

You bet. Because its more convenient to keep wearing those brands and to sleep in on a Saturday morning.

That brings us to this week's issue of students voting.

Most students at St. Michael's are of legal voting age. But how many are actually going to take the opportunity on Nov. 7? Better yet, how many know who the candidates are?

Mary Cronin, the leader of Campaign 2000, said, "In 1996 only 32 percent of 18-to 25-year-olds voted in the presidential election, down from 52 percent in 1972."

So will this number continue to drop?

Believe it or not there is a life after St. Michael's. Along with an economy, political issues and responsibilities that will eventually demand our attention.

Voting isn't that difficult. And believe it or not it does make a difference.

Just remember, if you don't vote you forfeit the right to complain.

We need to put our words into action.

Too often, we allow others to make our decisions for us. And most of the time we're not happy about the decisions, but we are too lazy to do anything about it.

We complain that the college has the responsibility to meet our needs but we must remember we, too, have the responsibility to make sure the college knows what those needs or complaints are.

The only thing better than complaining about something is doing something about those complaints.

Here's some ways to become more involved at St. Michael's and affect positive change:

- Get involved with the MOVE office ext. 2674.
- Go to SA meetings every Tuesday in Cheray 101 for more information, call ext. 2304.
- Become an area representative.
- Join the Wilderness Program ext. 2614.
- Join recreational sports for more information, call ext. 2498.
- Get involved with Campus Ministry ext. 2333.
- Become a tour guide for Admissions ext. 3000.
- Get involved with the School of International studies ext. 2300.
- Talk with the president ext. 2211.
- Become an resident assistant or resident coordinator ext. 2566.
- Go to the Student Resource Center ext. 2547.
- Get involved with Multicultural Student Affairs ext. 2663.

**Danielle Bergeron**  
Executive Editor

#### The Defender Mission Statement

As the editorial staff of *The Defender*, the student-run newspaper at St. Michael's College, we strive to accurately, professionally and ethically report the news affecting the lives of students in the community.

The decisions we make with regard to content and style are our own, and are influenced only by our goal of both informing and entertaining our readers.

We believe in the freedom of expression. We encourage our readers to express their views at any time.

*The Defender* publishes letters to the editor in response to articles that have been printed in the paper and issues on campus. *The Defender* does not publish anonymous letters. Letters will be edited only for grammar, spelling and good taste.

## Photo of the Week



Photo by Jen Calkins

A solitary snowman stands guarding Lyons Hall.

## Readers forum

### Error in Nordic ski article

I am writing to recognize the errors present in the Nordic ski team article in last week's *Defender*.

For one, I am a freshman skier here on the Nordic team at St. Michael's even though I am not racing competitively this season because I have chosen to concentrate more on my academics.

I train with the team and compete on my own (unsupported) in local citizen races, including the Stowe Derby on Sunday.

Secondly, it was quite an overstatement to print that there were five skiers that transferred last year; only two or three actually transferred.

I hope that you acknowledge these errors and use this as an example for other erroneous articles in the future.

Thanks for your time.

**Brandon Gorringer**  
Freshman

### Housing lottery questioned

What about having to pay for room and board if you don't get picked to live off campus?

And why should there be a lottery to live off campus?

It should be up to the students.

**Michael Foust**  
Freshman

### Bad news judgment

I have a few complaints.

How come there was not one mention of the SLAM poets, Roger Bonair-Agard and Alix Olson, who were here three times last week?

Both of them are national champions and packed McCarthy on Feb. 6.

More than 330 people come to McCarthy and they do not get one line of news?

And that was absolutely pitiful coverage of the Sweatshop Labor Conference.

The television stations did a better job than our own campus newspaper.

And it would be nice for the reporter to attend the conference for at least 20 minutes to really get a feel about what was going on instead of having people leave the conference to talk to her outside in the lobby.

What kind of journalism is this?

The Pat Leahy article, while important, was not an immediate news item.

I am a senior and have known since November that he will be the commencement speaker.

If it was a problem about space, Pat could have been just as newsworthy next week to give room to nationally acclaimed poets or justified coverage to a student-run conference.

And do we really need a page and a half about hazing at the University of Vermont?

There is enough of that in the local papers and TV.

If anything there could have been a small blurb in the Sports section.

This was definitely not front-

page with an additional page news in a week when so much was done on campus by students.

There was so much wasted space in this edition that I find it very unlikely that there was no room to run a decent story.

This was a disgrace to Lori Smith, political science, ALLY and the others who brought the poets here, and Bill Grover and the Political Science Club, who worked so hard to get the conference together.

**Kim Carvalho**  
Senior

### Where do tuition dollars go

Don't they always make us pay more?

It's horrible. My roommate and I asked for caulking because we get a draft through the windows, and we never got it.

What the heck are they spending our tuition on anyways?

I have no opinions on same-sex marriage, though as for hazing, very bad thing.

It could hurt someone badly. Or scar their minds.

**Nicole Traceski**  
Junior

### No free lunch

I do have opinions on all of those topics (tuition, same-sex marriages and hazing).

As far as the increase in tuition, I think it is to be expected but not to be taken without a grain of salt.

I know that every year things

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get more expensive, but when the increase in tuition is mostly because the school gives too good of a health care package to its staff. It is unacceptable.

Just because we let our teachers get their prescriptions for \$5 a pop, they think they can go out and get everything they want, as if no one has to pay for it.

What these teachers don't realize is that there is no free lunch in this world, someone is paying for everything, and in this case it is going to be the St. Michael's student body.

The staff who attend their staff meetings and complain about how they should have a great health care package and turn around and ask for a raise don't seem to have any sort of grasp of basic economic theories.

If they did they would probably accept paying a little more for their drugs instead of making us pay for them.

The bottom line is, if the school makes more dumb decisions like they did with health care by letting it run upwards of \$300,000 over budget, and continues to solve the problem by raising tuition, this school will become the most overpriced and under attended college around.

As far as my opinion on same sex marriage, I don't have such strong feelings because I am not gay, but I do have something to say.

I could go either way on this issue for different reasons.

I think it is OK for gay people to do what they want to do, but I don't want to hear about it.

I think the life they choose to live is disgusting, but who am I to say.

I do think they should be able to get the same privileges as an opposite sex couple in the eyes of the law, like better tax breaks and what not.

The only problem I have with having Vermont be the only state to allow this is it will become the gay capitol of the world.

Gays from all over will flock to Vermont to take the vows, and that could make this a terrible place to live. Not only because many straight people would leave, but there would be a huge increase in the number of hate crimes that occur here.

I think hate groups, who before had never thought of Vermont as a good place to operate, would use the new gay-metropolis as a way of having their message be heard. All in all, I am against gays getting married.

I do not view hazing as a serious problem.

Everyone has the right to make their own decisions in the end.

If you don't like the way things have been done for a long time, then leave. You have that option.

Hazing is usually something that happens in fraternities or on sports teams, and involves drinking or stupid pranks.

These things are relatively

harmless. The only problem is when there is violence or when kids get killed.

Action should be taken when this occurs, but to look at hazing as a serious problem in college today is foolish.

There are more serious issues at hand than that.

I think you guys should do some investigative work and find out just exactly where the money goes that we pay to go to this school.

Why is it that tuition always goes up, but little things never get fixed, like the constant computer problems, or the fact that there are only four racquet ball racquets and a door missing from one of the courts?

David Alofsin  
sophomore

## More bad news judgment

Where was the coverage of the Slam Poets that came to campus and filled McCarthy past capacity?

What about some more substantial coverage of the Sweatshop Labor Conference (not a seminar as written in the headline, by the way).

Hazing is only covered every day in every other media in the area.

How about putting some effort into issues that aren't just following the local news and summarizing?

While it is important, it has been rehashed so many times everywhere.

Why does the pre-fabricated coverage of non-campus events from the college AP wire get more coverage and column space than events people on this campus work hard to put on and have great attendance for?

While I understand that having pre-made articles which you can cut and paste into your paper is easy, it doesn't make it a good paper nor does it make the people doing the cutting and pasting good journalists.

Angela MacWhinnie  
senior

## No refund for unused meals

One big problem for me is the meal plans.

We are getting ripped off and no one does anything about it.

I'm on the 10 plus \$275 meal plan but I only use about five or six meals a week.

I shouldn't have to pay for the five or four meals a week that I don't eat.

I'm still trying to get onto the seven meal plan but my efforts are unsuccessful.

I even had my parents get me a doctors note explaining my condition, but they still say no.

I am outraged about the whole situation.

If anything my tuition should go down because I don't use all my meals.

I get back \$800 if I was on the seven meal plan.

With that money I could easily order plenty of food that will be way more healthy.

Jay Slangen  
sophomore

## Hazing at St. Michael's

The hazing situation at UVM makes me wonder how much it goes on here at St. Michael's.

Just because we don't hear about hazing, doesn't mean that it isn't happening.

No policy or team conduct code is going to stop athletes from performing such activities as described in last week's paper, especially when they know they can get away with it.

And until something happens to someone, no one will know.

I think there is a huge problem with this.

Everyone knows that parties go on all the time. But what really goes on?

It makes me sick to think that athletes can be so immature and cruel.

Same-sex marriages aren't a problem for me personally.

Love is love, and who says that gay couples can't have the same type of commitment as straight couples?

Is the problem against same-sex marriages really the marriage itself?

I don't understand what the big deal is.

This tuition increase is crazy.

Adding over a grand per year just blows my mind.

I have over \$20,000 in loans already.

Supposedly this money will be used for financial aid but I am not seeing too much financial aid as it is.

Does this increase have anything to do with the top-rated colleges and best education for the price they offer recognition?

I agree that St. Michael's offers a great education and also offers great professors, housing, and activities, but soon the school will cost \$30,000 per year.

It will be discouraging students from coming here unless they are provided with adequate financial aid.

I think this decision is totally ridiculous.

Christine Coppola  
sophomore

## Tuition price is too high

I think that it is ridiculous that we will be paying \$1121 more to go here next semester.

Although St. Michael's provides a wonderful education, we are already paying an incredibly large sum of money and I don't see the logic in paying more.

Melissa DeLuxe  
freshman

## Monday at St. Michael's snowed in

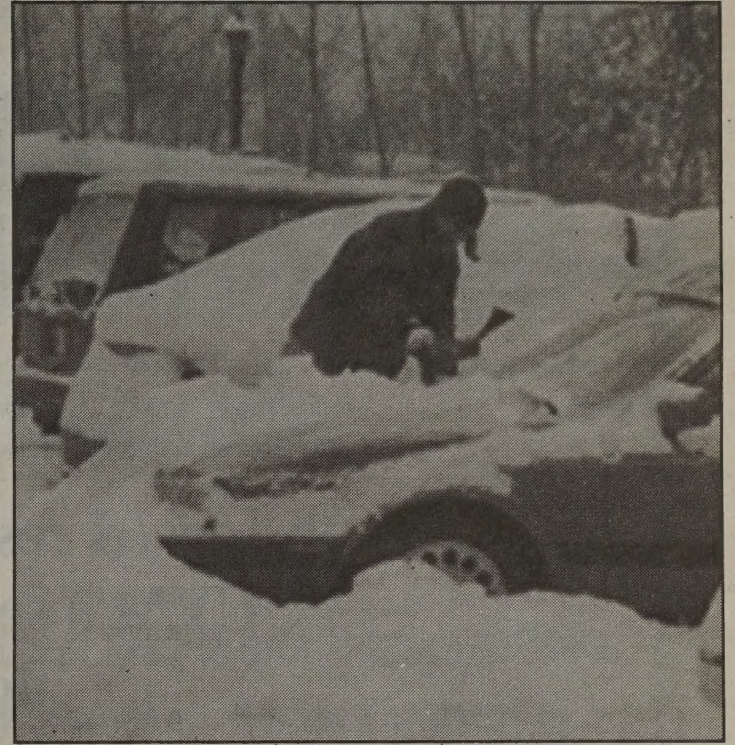


Photo by Jen Calkins

A student in the 200s discovers there is a car under all that snow.



Photo by Jen Calkins

Nothing stops the mini-plow not even 10 inches of snow.

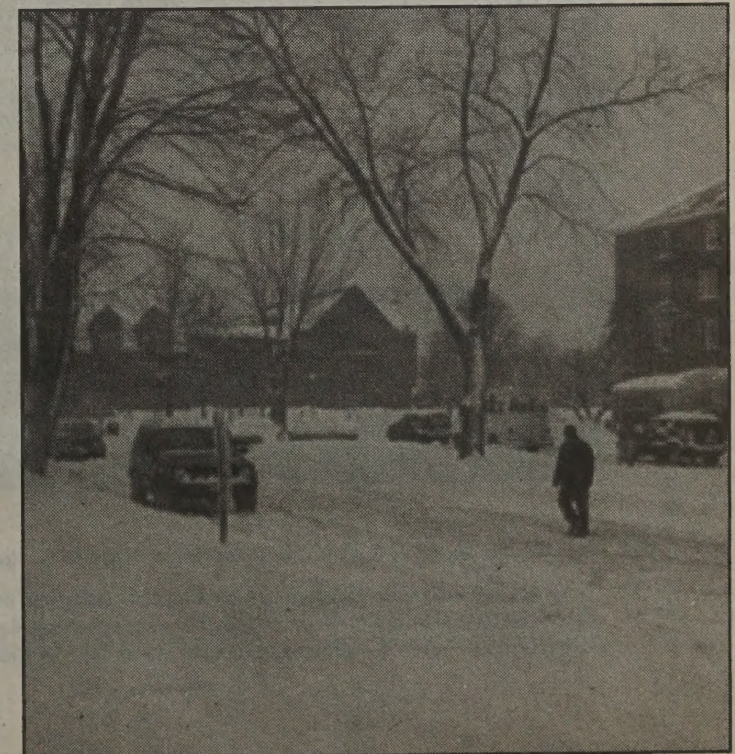


Photo by Jen Calkins

A student trudges through the snow in the Rotunda. Just think it's only February.

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Photo by Jen Calkins

## Proposed resolution might affect UVM's semi-formal nights downtown. Is St. Mike's next?



Photo courtesy of Kristine Klumpp

Left to right: Matt Westhaver, Tim Healy, Brian Freeman and Adam Young



Photo courtesy of Kristine Klumpp

Left to right Nancy: Flanagan, Kelly Spelman, Kristine Klumpp and Amy Matthews

With the new proposed Burlington City Council resolution, socials like the senior semi-formal held at Higher Ground on Feb. 3 would have strict criteria to follow and these socials could be in jeopardy of not being allowed to be held at any bars in Burlington.

Socials like those held at Rasputins by the junior class could be a thing of the past if a Burlington City Council resolution goes through, setting up strict criteria for these socials.

The Council voted on a resolution that has been referred to Mayor Peter Clavelle regarding University of Vermont semi-formal events, said Gene Bergman, Burlington city attorney.

"The goal of the resolution is to get UVM to set up strict criteria and sanctions for groups that violate the criteria and to give the City Council information regarding financial aspects of these events to show the incentive to over-serve and/or wrongfully serve," Bergman said.

Burlington City Councilman Matt Gardy opposes the resolution.

"I'm against it because UVM already regulates 18-and-over nights in its own way," Gardy said. "It's totally ineffective."

An incident at Sh-Na-Na's on Jan. 21 in which 67 people were cited for underage drinking, including six of them from St. Michael's and 42 from UVM, prompted this resolution. Gardy does not think UVM should be held accountable for what happened. "I don't think it's going anywhere," he said.

If the resolution were to include St. Michael's, the class socials often held at places like Rasputins may be affected.

"I believe that it would affect class fund-raisers and social life because these socials that we have bring in a great deal of money," Evan Pasenello, junior class vice president, said.

Sophomore Dominic Biscardi also said UVM should not be held responsible for what happened. "If they are going to crack down, they should limit it to Sh-Na-Na's," he said.

Sh-Na-Na's could not

answer any questions until after the hearing, which will take place Thursday.

"The liquor control commission will review violations of the license and the decision may be suspension or revocation," Bergman said.

Bergman said he thinks overcrowding has been a big issue in the Burlington area. "Service to minors is also a big problem," he said. "Eighteen-and-over nights leave greater opportunity for mistakes."

Kevin Statesir, general manager of Higher Ground, said on 18-and over nights it makes sure to enforce zero tolerance, and it has 15 security workers on all nights.

"People caught drinking illegally are removed, no refund," Statesir said.

He also said Higher Ground adheres to fire codes and it never would have had 65 underage people in the establishment drinking.

Mark Gauthier, owner of Metronome also said his club is stiff with their policies.

"We have two to three people checking IDs every night," he said.

Gauthier said the situation at Sh-Na-Na's was "a really bad scene; careless and irresponsible."

"It's sad because the 18-to-20 population has nothing to do," Gauthier said.

Bergman agrees with this and also feels that alternatives to drinking need to be made.

"There is a tremendous amount of pressure from our society to combine alcohol with fun," Bergman said. "We need to create possibilities for non-alcoholic activities."

Bergman said several establishments should work together to provide a place to socialize. "Not to get loaded," he said.

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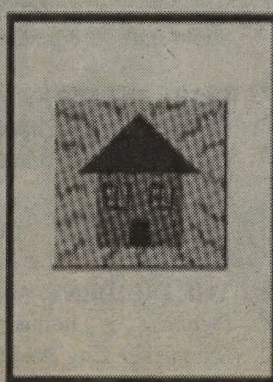
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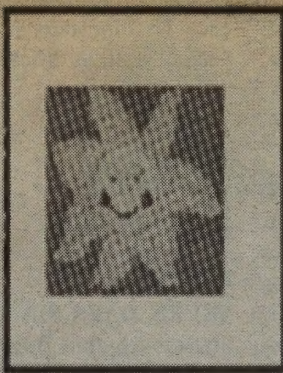
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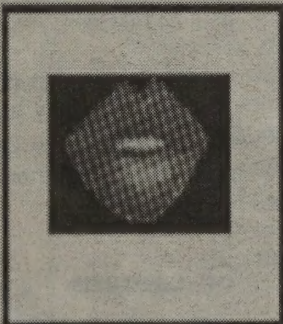
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# CALENDAR

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## SANDGLASS THEATER "THE PIG ACT"

With haunting visual imagery, beautifully crafted figures, and humor, Putney, Vt's Sandglass Theater explores the theme of survival in an ever-changing world (pictured right). Their new adult puppet theater piece *The Pig Act*, by Eric and Ines Zeller Bass, has its world premiere at Burlington's Flynn Theatre on both Feb. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. 863-5966.

## ROGER AND ME

The fifth film in the St. Michael's film series, introduced by business professor Roger P. Kenny, and sociology professor Vincent Bolduc. Show starts at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21, free popcorn, and soda served, admission is free. 654-2637.

## LEAH GARDNER

Performs at the Rhombus Gallery, 186 College St. in Burlington at 8 p.m. Gardner is Burlington Vt's own poetry slam champion, she will read some of her poetry and a open mike follows her performance on Feb. 16. Tickets are between \$3 - \$6. 865-0569.

## A TALE OF TWO CITIES

Photographs by Eugene Atget of Paris and Berenice Abbott of New York. Exhibition from the Syracuse University Art Collection examining the work of two artists who were inextricably linked to each other and to the development of modern photography. This exhibition runs from Feb. 1 until Feb. 30, at the Helen Day Art Center in Stowe Vt. (800)24STOWE.



Photo courtesy of the Flynn Theatre

## 16 Wednesday

### music

**LYDIAN STRING QUARTET:** The acclaimed Boston ensemble performs a new quartet by New England composer Lee Hyla, along with works by Charles Ives and Brahms. UVM Recital Hall, Burlington, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15. 656-4455. A free, pre-performance lecture with Lee Hyla starts at 6:30 p.m.

**OPEN MIKE NIGHT:** Bring your own talent to a performance potluck at Smuggler's Notch Inn, Jeffersonville, 7-9 p.m. Donations. 644-5721.

**FARMERS' NIGHT CONCERT:** The Vermont Symphony Orchestra teams up with the Vermont Brass Collective to perform vibrant classical works at the State House, Montpelier, 7:30 p.m. Free. 828-2245.

**BURLINGTON'S FINEST:** Performs with 15 DJs at Higher Ground, \$5 for 21+ and \$7 for 18+, doors open at 9 p.m. 655-6137.

### film

**'LAZARILLO':** An abandoned child in 17th-century Castile learns to survive with several strange jobs. 427 Waterman Building, UVM, Burlington, 7:30 p.m. Free. 656-3196.

### art

**LUNCHTIME LECTURE:** A talk by curator Janie Cohen puts "Gunter Grass's Visual Art in Context." Fleming Museum, UVM, Burlington, 12:15 p.m. \$3. 656-0750.

### on-campus

**CARDIO-KARATE & SELF-DEFENSE COURSE:** This class will not only teach you how to completely protect yourself against any size attacker, but there will also be a 45 minute workout. The course runs every Wednesday until April 5, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Tarrant Recreational Center.

**"ST. MICHAEL'S PLAYHOUSE: PUTTING IT TOGETHER":** A lecture by fine arts professors Peter Harrigan and Cathy Hurst as a part of the St. Michael's College Faculty Colloquium Series at 12 p.m., in the Farrell Room, St. Edmund's Hall.

### etc.

**POETRY READING:** An open reading follows a performance by Burlington slam champ Leah Gardner. Rhombus Gallery, 186 College St., Burlington, 8 p.m. \$3-6. 865-0569.

**MYSTERY BOOK GROUP:** A round-table of readers investigates Carol Bugge's *Who Killed Blanche DuBois*. Barnes & Noble, Burlington, 7 p.m. Free. 864-8001.

## 17 Thursday

### music

**DUDE OF LIFE:** Performs with Wingnut at Higher Ground, show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$7 at the door. 655-6137.

### film

**THE KKK BOUTIQUE AIN'T JUST REDNECKS:** Is a modern day satire modeling itself after Dante's *Inferno* - a journey through hell where punishment fits the crime. Film starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Pavilion, Montpelier. For more information call Kelly Cullins, 654-5468.

### art

**TAD SPURGEON:** Presents the Fine Art of Being Oneself a class being held at the Firehouse Center for Visual Arts on 135 Church St. Burlington. The class runs from Feb. 17 - March 9, from 10 a.m. - noon. Class fee is \$70 (does not include materials). 865-7166.

### on-campus

**PETER FALLON:** This Irish poet will read his poetry at 8 p.m., in the Farrell Room, St. Edmund's Hall. Fallon is the author of *The Speaking Stones*, *Winter Work*, *The News and Weather*, and *Eye to Eye*. Admission is free. 654-2535.

## 18 Friday

### music

**BABALOO:** Featuring Nozmo Kings perform at Higher Ground. This evening of mambo starts at 8 p.m., tickets are \$5. 655-6137.

**THE KRIJOSO TRIO:** Performs traditional, international and improvisational jazz at the Middlebury Center for the Arts.

Show starts at 8 p.m. 443-6433.

**PAUL HORTON:** This Massachusetts singer and songwriter performs at Borders Café at 8 p.m., admission is free. 865-2711.

### drama

**THE INCIDENT:** A teen cabaret and coffeehouse is being presented at the Montpelier City Auditorium. Show starts at 7 p.m., admission is free. 223-5980.

### on-campus

**EINSTEIN: GENERALLY AND RELATIVELY SPEAKING:** A lecture by William (Sandy) Karstens focusing on Einstein's principal contributions to science. Lecture starts at 1 p.m. in room 123 Chera Hall, St. Michael's.

## 19 Saturday

### music

**SEVEN DAYS SINGLES PARTY:** The Starline Rhythm Boys perform at Higher Ground, show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 655-6137.

### film

**OUT OF SIGHT:** With Jennifer Lopez and George Clooney is being shown at the Dana Auditorium, Middlebury College as a part of the Middlebury Film Series. The film will be showing at both 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. 443-6433.

**PARIS IS BURNING:** This film is being shown as a part of Black History Month Film Series at the Contois Auditorium, City Hall, Burlington. Show starts at 7 p.m.

### on-campus

**'RECENT WORKS':** Tisha Cliffords pieces of photography and collages are on display at the McCarthy Arts Gallery. A reception held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### etc.

**BURLINGTON WINTER FESTIVAL FAMILY EXPO:** Crafts, games, and various foods will be on display at the Radisson Hotel. The Expo begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. 865-7216.

## 20 Sunday

### music

**BLACK SHEEP:** Performs with DAS EFX at Higher Ground. Show starts at 8 p.m., tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 day of the show. 655-6137.

**ANDY STATMAN QUARTET:** Performs at the Flynn Theatre. Show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets range from \$18 to \$24. 863-5966.

**SUNDAY SESSIONS:** At Ri-Ra, the Irish pub, at 123 Church St. Traditional Irish music every Sunday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. 860-9401.

## 21 Monday

### music

**ROGER AND ME:** The fifth film in the St. Michael's film series, introduced by business professor Roger P. Kenny, and sociology professor Vincent Bolduc. Show starts at 7 p.m., free popcorn and soda served, admission is free. For more information call David Mindich at 654-2637.

### on-campus

**THE PONTIGNY SOCIETY:** Will discuss Peter Kreeft's book, "Christianity for Modern Pagans: Pascal's *Pensees*," at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. Evening prayer at 5:15 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m.

## 22 Tuesday

### art

**"VERMONT CLAY STUDIO FACULTY":** An exhibit of claywork by the diverse and creative talents of the Vermont Clay Studio instructional staff, located at the Vermont Clay Studio, Vermont 100, Waterbury Center, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. 244-1126.

### on-campus

**"GLOBALIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA":** A lecture by Professor Padraig Carmondy from UVM, part of the St. Michael's College Social Science Colloquium Series at 12 p.m., in the Farrell Room, St. Edmund's Hall.

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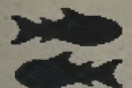
## Horoscopes

By Cosmic Cleo

Want the answers to life's burning questions? Don't call a psychic 900 number! Read below...



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** So maybe your Valentine's Day didn't turn out as you expected. Don't give up yet. A close friendship may turn into something more. Take a chance in love this week.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** If you are feeling like you are at a stalemate in a relationship, now is the time to take a new look at a close reliable friend. For those of you not in a relationship, let go of anything that is holding you back from trying new things. It will be worth it in the end.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** An embarrassing situation is bound to occur this week. Don't let it get to you. Step back and look at the situation and see how you can use it to your advantage. Maybe it will be a future conversation starter-embarrassing stories are always a good laugh later.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** People have realized what a good friend and listener you are. Feel free to give advice this week only if you are certain. Avoid gossiping as it will get you in more trouble than it's worth. You are bound to see something that arouses your curiosity.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 21):** Don't keep your emotions pent up this week. Disregard any anxiety you feel over a loved one. If you have feelings for someone tell them. Now is your chance to make your move. Take an afternoon off and do something just for yourself. Take a nap, trip, or enjoy an afternoon of skiing, anything that can be done just for you.



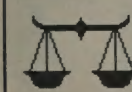
**CANCER (June 22-July 22):** Keep in mind this week that everything you do effects someone else. If you are in a bad relationship, now is the time to move on. Being single for a bit may give you a new perspective on life. Some new opportunities are coming your way, avoid making any deals in secret as secrecy will cause conflict this week.



**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** This is a week to make decisions but be wary of any advice given to you. Failure to weigh your options this week may result in the loss of something you otherwise have in your grasp. Be ready for a sudden change in plans. You can and will rise to the occasion.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** An invitation or proposal may come your way this week. Think carefully but don't wait too long to make your decision as hesitating may result in unhappiness. You may be in a situation where you are friends with someone and they really drive you crazy, yet you can't seem to leave each other alone. Enjoy it.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Watch your temper this week. So something didn't happen they way you expected. Maybe there were some cancelled weekend plans or someone close to you disappointed you. By the end of the week something will surprise you and put you in a better mood.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 24):** You are a great leader and a close and reliable friend. So your love life may not be as great as you want it to be? Give it time and do not rush into anything. Your real friends will stand by you through tough times.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** This week you have a lack of focus, and find yourself daydreaming in class. Snap out of it. Welcome back to reality. There are things this week that need to be done. You just don't have the time to let your imagination get the best of you. You know that project that is due this week, don't wait until the last minute.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** So you think you have too many platonic relationships and you want to propose that you move to a different level? Weigh your options carefully. On a happier note, your hard work in your classes will pay off this week.



## The Big Screen: The End of the Affair

By Alissa Juvan

Director Neil Jordan, notorious for "The Crying Game," is back with "The End of the Affair".

This is an adaptation of Graham Greene's novel of the same name.

Ralph Fiennes, Julianne Moore, and Stephen Rea bring to life the story of two lovers torn apart by devotion to a husband and to God.

Julianne Moore, (Magnolia) plays Sarah Miles and is married to Henry, played by Stephen Rea (The Crying Game and In Dreams.)

Sarah and Henry are not a happy couple but stay in the marriage because they are good friends.

Ralph Fiennes as Maurice Bendrix is the author who has all that Sarah is looking for, and the two begin a love affair that lasts for five years and throughout the World War II.

However, Sarah will not leave Henry, her husband, for Bendrix.

The two frequently discuss the nature of love and whether or not love still exists when they are

not able to see each other.

As World War II rages on, Bendrix is wounded in battle and lies on his deathbed.

Sarah makes a promise to God that if only he would live, she would never see him again.

In tempting fate, it accepts, and Sarah must walk away from Bendrix without an explanation.

The tag line on the poster reads, "the end of the affair is only the beginning, and more miscommunication, secrets, stolen moments, and tragedy will unfold."

The film actually begins in London 1946, but jumps around through time in the form of flashbacks.

At the very beginning of "The End of the Affair," Bendrix has not seen Sarah for two years. He hires a private investigator to find her.

The investigator, Parkis, played by Ian Hart, always spies with the help of his son, Samuel Bould, and the two provide some much-needed humor, as well as aiding in some of the film's key moments.

Fiennes is always good at playing the beautiful man with a

tortured soul, and once again, he does his best.

Moore had a passable British accent and displayed very little of the hysterics seen in both "Boogie Nights" and "Magnolia."

She did a good job in the film and played both the strong and weak aspects of Sarah without a change in character.

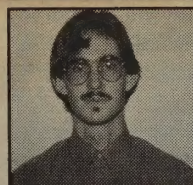
Rea plays Henry, a supporting role, but does well in his portrayal of an unhappy husband who although may not be physically satisfying, still displays love for Sarah.

Jordan adds a nice touch by adding in beautiful photography of the lovers and London in the rain.

"The End of the Affair" is certainly a well-crafted drama, full of beautiful cinematography and music.

It's intense and leaves the viewer with a bittersweet taste in the mouth, realizing that while miracles can come true, they come with a price.

This film is showing at the Nickelodeon theater in Burlington daily at 12:30 p.m. and again at 6:40 p.m. rated R.



## Art Review: Paul Hagar's exhibition

By Jacob Fricke

Paul Hagar's exhibit "Black and White Photography" is showing until Feb. 17 at the University of Vermont's Living/Learning Center. I had a chance to go to the opening reception.

When I was there I heard a spectator say, "That's such a good picture, I just want to be there."

I said to myself, "but you can't be there. The scene doesn't exist in real life."

This conversation should give a good idea of what's in store for those attending the show.

Because the photographs are composed to draw you in, many aren't content with a simple subject, but use multiple levels of foregrounds and backgrounds to create a real sense of depth.

"I want the viewer to enter the photograph," Hagar said.

At the same time, the photographs have a rich sense of small details, and textures.

One photograph shows the wooden corner of an old boat, the weave of the boat-line, its shadow below as it does not break the surface of the water.

Another photo shows the wrinkles and knotted cloak of an old man in Ecuador-all these

bring you the vivid presence of things.

"You can almost feel it with your eyes, when there's thick, interesting textures going on, it entices you to look further. It brings you in more," Hagar said.

Many of the photographs show not only things, but also places as well.

The sense of place, and the shape of the place, is at times quite strong.

The ironwork gate seems to lead you somewhere; the thick trees on the grounds next to a brick building, it makes you

Hagar said he doesn't think photography is or should be a realistic genre; he likes using the camera lens to change things and create abstraction, and to fool with the sense of the photograph.

He said there is a certain amount of playfulness, in his composition.

One photograph of a thin-leaved tree uses its flat pattern of leaves to fill the whole two-dimensions, yet behind it a three-dimensional brick tower springs up.

Another photograph, the jewel of the show, shows a tiny open plain, a small horizon with clouds, and a tree swing in a willow above, lifting a familiar-feeling branch and rope up to an impossible height above the delicate clouds.

Hagar uses infrared film and modifications in the developing process to give some pictures a hazy, surreal look.

One picture of a vendor's cart on an overcast beach, with three barely noticeable figures in the back near the waves, has an air of vivid distance, making it look like something out of a 1950's novel about the French Riviera.

"The image is its own thing. It walks the line between fantasy and reality," Hagar said.



A photo of Hagar's recent work on exhibit at UVM.

ready to sit down on the grass and start a conversation, to walk around the corner, or to stop and lean.

Hagar said he likes to work with emotion and chooses places that are associated with certain feelings.

# A closer look at Peter Soons, St. Michael's director of Security

By Jason London  
Staff Writer and  
Justin O'Brien  
Staff Editor

Being in charge of the security of 2,000 people is a difficult task.

For Peter Soons, this is just another day at the office. Soons has been the director of safety and security at St. Michael's since 1993.

A 1982 graduate of the college himself, where he is in charge of the safety of the students and the welfare of the school.

Soons is originally from

Inglewood, N.J., and lived there until age 15.

At that time, he moved to Maine to attend Gould Academy in Bethel, and enrolled at St. Michael's in 1977.

When Soons arrived at St. Michael's he decided to major in biology.

After taking a couple of biology classes, Soons decided business administration was more appealing to him.

Soons took a semester off and joined the Vermont National Guard and completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

After he completed basic

training, Soons returned to St. Michael's and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

In 1982 after graduation, Soons received an offer to work for the Burlington Police Department, but he declined because his first wife was completing graduate school in Connecticut.

So, Soons moved to Connecticut and worked in the travel and retail industries.

Although Soons purchased a home in Connecticut, he said he never really settled there and knew he would not be there for long.

"I never really dug in my roots knowing I would not want to stay there. Too many people and too much traffic, not to mention taxes," Soons said.

Soons first job was store manager for Firestone Tire and Rubber. Soons used his auto service background from when he worked part time in college at a local garage.

In 1986, Soons left work with Firestone Tire and Rubber to manage Hertz RentACar fleet at Bradley International Airport.

While working for Hertz, Soons achieved the position of fleet security. This put him in charge of all 2,000 cars within the fleet.

He returned to St. Michael's in 1990 as associate director of safety and security, and three years later took over the role of director, when Don Sutton retired.

Soons applied for the position and started working for the school in August of 1990.

Soons also assumed the role of Security/Chief of Fire and Rescue, a group he was involved with while attending St. Michael's.



Photo courtesy of Peter Soons

Peter Soons and his 7-month-old son, Thomas.

Now, Soons lives with his wife, Kate, supervisor of Vermont Poison Center, and his three boys in Colchester.

Soons' two older sons, Christopher and Daniel, are in school in Colchester and are avid soccer players.

The newest addition to the Soons family, Thomas, attends St. Michael's day care and should be crawling any day now.

Soons currently works part time as a police officer in Winooski.

"I work there as time allows, generally a shift a week or for a special detail," Soons said.

Because of his workload at St. Michael's and the birth of his son, Soons' is working fewer hours for the Winooski Police Department.

When Soons is not busy with either work or family, he likes to fix up old cars and restore odds

and ends.

"I've always been mechanically inclined," Soons said.

In the warmer weather, the Soons family enjoys water skiing and hiking.

"Now that Chris [his eldest son] is getting to where he can drive for me I hope to do more this summer," Soons said.

Soons finds himself more involved in sports as his boys grow older.

Soons has volunteered to coach Daniel's soccer team in the fall and spring.

"Right now it's two evenings a week at the indoor center fairgrounds," Soons said.

"My biggest concern is the quality of life on campus. That we are able to provide a safe environment for people that would allow them to live, learn, and grow," Soons said.

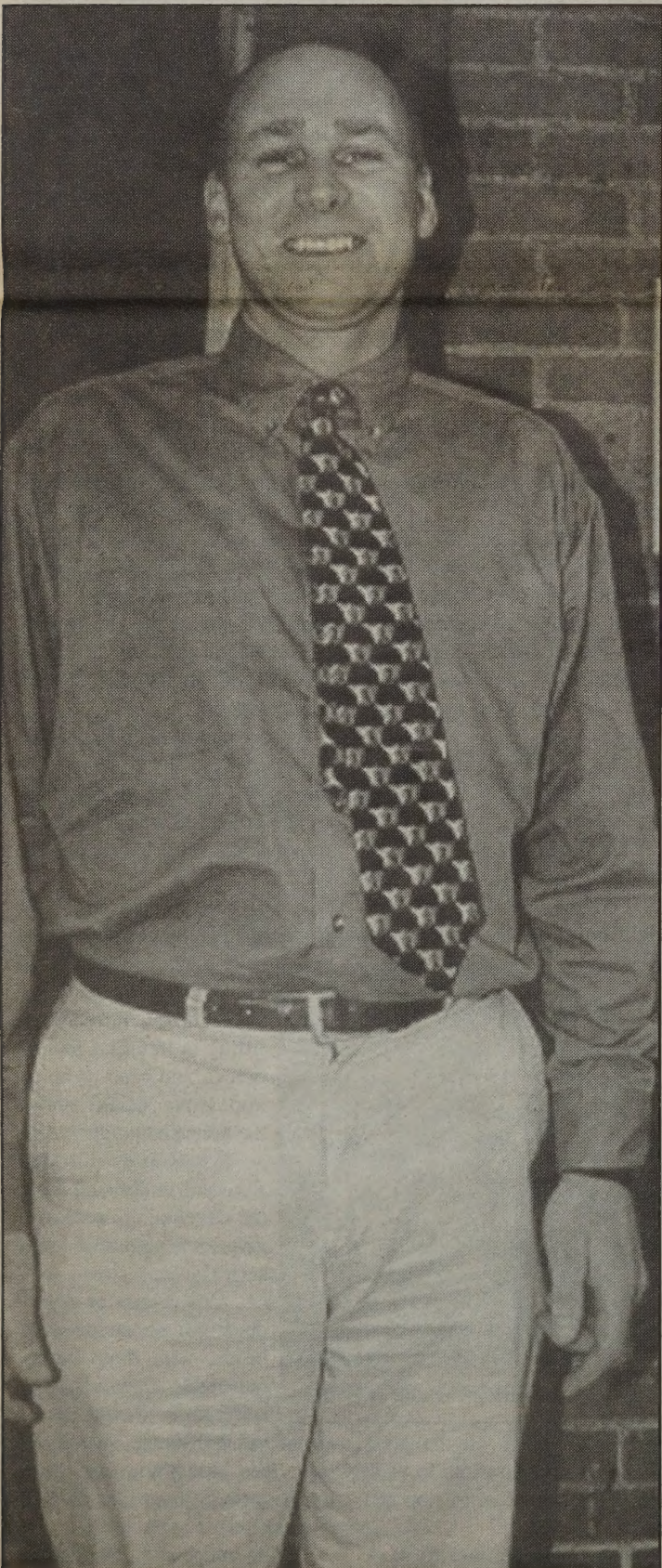


Photo by Jen Calkins

Peter Soons, St. Michael's director of security, has held this office since 1993.



Photo by Jen Calkins

Soons takes the time to talk to St. Michael's Fire squad members, junior Jesse Dobiecki and sophomore Elizabeth Tardugno, about their concerns regarding campus safety.

# Features

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## Last minute ideas for spring break

By Sean McCarthy  
Staff Writer

Spring break is nine days away.

This time of year brings huge smiles to students who have a trip planned and disappointment to those who do not.

For a variety of reasons, some students are unable to go away during this break: primarily money, but also timing.

St. Michael's has a much earlier spring break than most schools, beginning Feb. 25 and ending March 6.

This can be problematic for students.

"Since my funds are limited and we have such an awful break timing-wise, I'm just going to visit my friends," freshman Jamie Fratomico said.

Other students said money is the reason they are not traveling

this spring break.

"It's already second semester and of course I'm out of money, so my options are limited," sophomore Allen O'Loskey said.

Most students would like to travel to tropical locations, but these trips can be expensive.

"I don't have enough money this year but my friends and I are saving up to go to Cancun next year," sophomore Richard Collins said.

Some students have the means to splurge and pay for an extravagant trip. Those who do not, however, have more options than just to sit at home and sulk.

The following is a list of possible last minute destinations:

### Montreal

An easy option for St. Michael's students is Montreal, a city only about an hour and a half

drive from campus.

Montreal is close to the U.S. and the drinking age is 18.

This guarantees the opportunity for an inexpensive trip, combined with many cheap hotels and fast food restaurants that are located in Montreal.

A nice hotel located in the city's center is the Hôtel Wyndham Montreal.

It runs about \$150 a night but is absolutely beautiful and definitely worth the money.

The hotel's location isn't a major factor either, because as long as a person is near St. Catherine Street they are always close to the action.

This street is filled with a wide array of bars and dance clubs so everyone should be able to find something that interests them.

One of the city's more famous bars is Peel Pub, located on St. Catherine street.

Other landmarks, including Basilique Notre Dame Church, Mont Royal Park, and the Museum des Beaux Arts are a must see if Montreal for an extended period of time.

### New York City

Another interesting place within a six hour driving distance is New York City.

A trip here wouldn't lead to a traditional spring break by any means, but the city has more than enough attractions to keep a person busy.

New York has numerous celebrity owned restaurants and

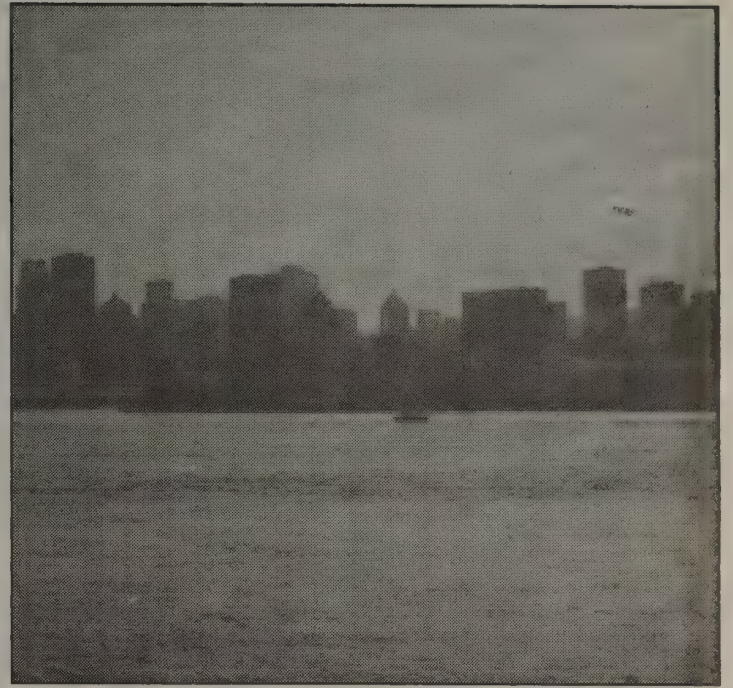


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A view of the Montreal skyline in the province of Quebec.

bars, such as Planet Hollywood and the ESPN Sports Zone, where one can have a good time and just may run into some famous people.

Other sites include the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, and locations from the classic television series "Seinfeld."

The city is a fairly expensive place to stay, but one could find hotels under \$100 if he or she looked hard enough.

One such hotel is the Larchmont in Greenwich Village, which costs about \$80 to \$100 a night.

### Southern Maine

Another close but rural option is the southern coast of Maine. This is a beautiful area any time of year, but the winter can add to the ocean's atmosphere.

Numerous hotels and restau-

rants stretch along the coast and most will have reduced off-season prices.

The Inn at St. John is a quaint hotel in Portland, Maine, and its price ranges from \$45 to \$60 a night.

### Connecticut

One last enticing place is Foxwoods Resort Casino in Norwich, Conn., known as "the wonder of the Connecticut woods." The casino is open to 21-plus patrons.

On Saturday, March 4, Jay Leno will perform. That in itself is worth the trip.

Hotels and restaurants for all price ranges are abundant, with everything from fancy Italian cuisine to the fast food kiosk.

These places, though untraditional, could provide a student planning a last minute getaway with a low spring break budget a week of fun and excitement.



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A view of the Empire State building from Greenwich Village in NYC.

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## CAMPUS SPEAKS

What would do if Regis Philbin gave you \$1 million?



"I would buy myself three dogs, give my mom a lot of money, and donate the rest to charity."

Kate Allerding  
freshman



"Pay off my college tuition and buy a really nice car."

Brian McSherry  
freshman



"I'd give most of it away."

Cindy Welch  
senior



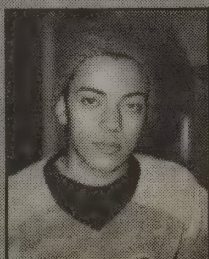
"I would divide it up and give it to members of my family and charity as well."

Erin O'Brien  
senior



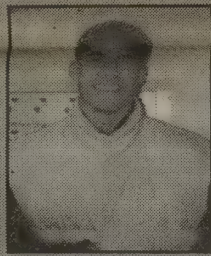
"Pay off my tuition."

Ruthie Smith  
freshman



"I would spend \$300,000 on children, and use the rest of it to start a business."

Qais Salamah  
SIS student



"Pay off tuition, buy a boat and just sail away."

Charlie Swan  
senior



"I would buy a couple of ski houses, pay for college, and save the rest."

Natalie Rosa  
freshman

## What was all the fuss over year 2000?



By Joshua Cook  
Staff Writer

I think it's time I took stock of what has changed in the world since that bygone era of last semester; to see where the world has progressed in the month and a half or so since my words last graced these pages.

It really is amazing what a few short weeks in the life of the world can change.

For a while the world was gripped with paranoia.

We were afraid that the year 2000 would bring great tumult, violent unrest, the end of life as we know it, and, as Nostradamus predicted, the rebirth of Regis Philbin's career as a game show host.

Only the worst of the prophecies came true.

People had visions of massive terrorist bombings, gigantic riots, The New Kids on the Block releasing a new critically acclaimed album, and other signs of the second coming.

One would think the threat of the end of existence, whether you believed in it or not, would provide humanity with at least a little incentive to reevaluate itself.

If anything could motivate

someone to stop worrying about whether or not their brand new pre-worn Abercrombie and Fitch \$35 T-shirt is in season and give the person next to them a big giant messy hug, one would think the threat of the end of human civilization would be it.

One would think the threat of the world ending like a cheesy made for TV movie, starring Tony Danza and Suzanne Summers would be enough to alter a significant number of perspectives.

I thought that.

Don't I look silly? The shade of red my face must be turning.

With the threat of big explosions, we looked our lives in the face, stared at our mortality, grimaced at the fragility of human civilization, took a deep confidence building breath and bought lots of canned food.

We searched for meaning by buying even more bottled water, which is a difficult task considering the amount we buy anyway.

We found brotherhood in bomb shelters.

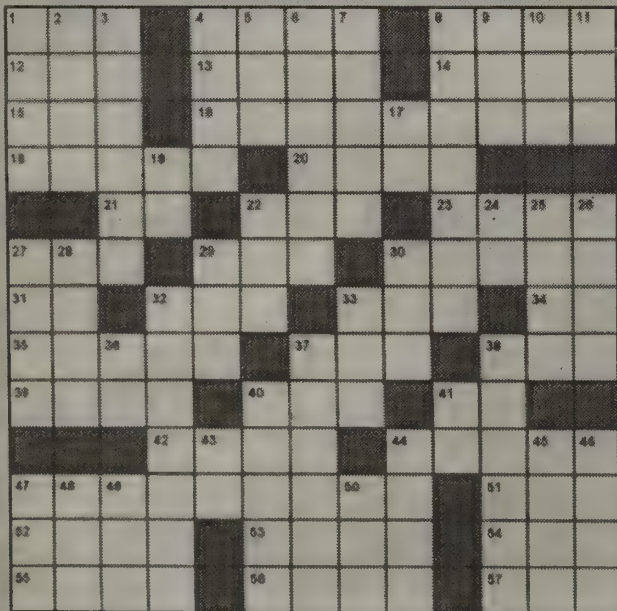
It seems as though everyone just woke up the next morning, shrugged their shoulders at the lack of wide spread death and destruction, brushed their teeth, and went to breakfast at Denny's.

Perhaps, I was expecting too much out of humanity.

Perhaps, I'm just a whiny, intellectual, naive, idealist who won't open his eyes and see the irreversible downward spiral that our society is on.

Perhaps, the world just needs a little more time.

## Crossword Puzzle



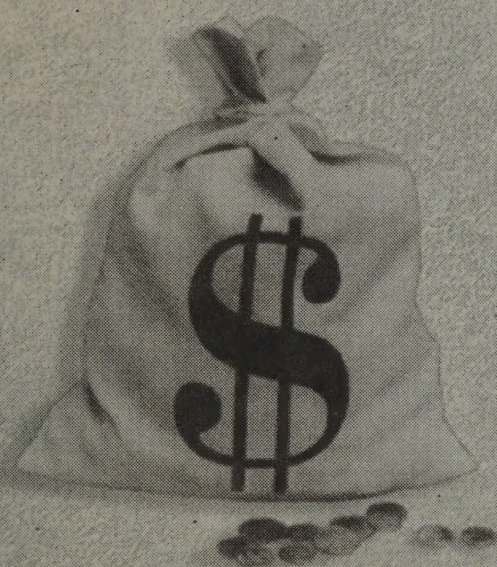
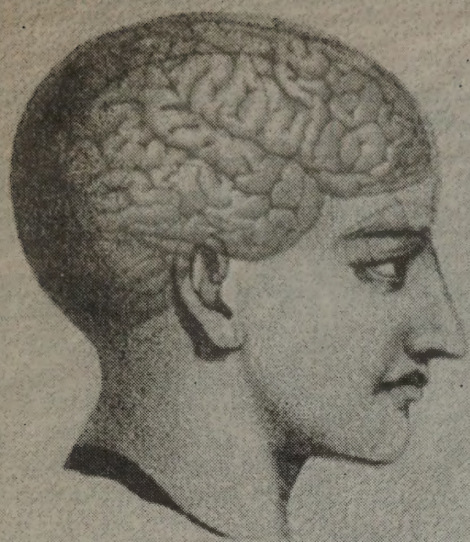
Answers to crossword puzzle  
can be found on page 15

## ACROSS

- 1 Noah's boat
- 4 One who mimicks
- 8 Funeral stand
- 12 Hawaiian necklace
- 13 Outer garment for women (India)
- 14 Leeward side
- 15 School of whales
- 16 Wanderers
- 18 Smell
- 20 Design with intricate figures
- 21 Never
- 22 Moist
- 23 Clinched hand
- 27 Though (inf.)
- 29 Auricle
- 30 Windy
- 31 Exclamation
- 32 Pig pen
- 33 Slippery fish
- 34 Press service (abbr.)
- 35 Field of conflict
- 37 Tree
- 38 Time
- 39 Was (p.t.)
- 40 Black fluid
- 41 Ante meridian (abbr.)
- 42 Formerly
- 44 Drama set to music
- 47 Frightening
- 51 Neither
- 52 Unencumbered
- 53 Great lake
- 54 Condition of being (suf.)
- 55 Undesirable plant
- 56 Distance (pref.)
- 57 Female saint (abbr.)

## DOWN

- 1 Aquatic plant
- 2 To the back
- 3 Japanese robe
- 4 Thin Man dog
- 5 Equal
- 6 End of pencil
- 7 Bolt
- 8 Fateful
- 9 Capability of (suf.)
- 10 Ever (poetic)
- 11 Point in law
- 17 Print measurement
- 19 Midwest state (abbr.)
- 22 Method; direction
- 24 Island (abbr.)
- 25 Adult male deer
- 26 Sort
- 27 Defrost
- 28 Rabbit
- 29 Seventh Greek letter
- 30 Opal
- 32 Smirked
- 33 Large North American deer
- 36 Person who lives in (suf.)
- 37 All
- 38 Corrects
- 40 Very small island
- 41 News agency (abbr.)
- 43 Route (abbr.)
- 44 S-shaped, double curve
- 45 Base
- 46 \_\_\_ Johnson
- 47 Stitch
- 48 Prong of a fork (Scot.)
- 49 Indicates an enzyme (suf.)
- 50 None



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Wilderness Program offers equipment rental, skiing lessons

By Juan Martinez-Lage  
Staff Writer

The first time many international students hear of Vermont is in association with skiing down snowy white mountains.

St. Michael's Wilderness Program's learn to ski, snowboard or telemark program provides students with the opportunity to take advantage of Vermont's Green Mountains.

For seven Sundays each season, the Wilderness Program brings interested students to Smugglers' Notch to learn to ski, snowboard or telemark, a free-heel combination of alpine and nordic skiing.

The trips cost \$15 and include transportation, equipment rental and a lesson by one of Smugglers' Notch's instructors.

The program began in 1996 with trips to Stowe. After one year, the program was transferred to Smugglers' Notch.

"The problem with Stowe was that the person was never ready for us. We had a feeling that they didn't need our business," said Todd Wright, director of the Wilderness Program.

Wright said Smugglers' Notch is a "friendly place, very relaxed, with some of the best tree skiing in the East."

Senior Emily Cogan, director of the learn to ski, snowboard and telemark program, said the Sunday program fills up quickly.

The list is full by Mondays, Cogan said.

On the Feb. 6 trip, half of the 23 participants were international students.

"One of the nice things about this learn to ski program is that it's very accessible to international students, who may be concerned about other programs because of language barriers," Wright said.

"Learning to ski is very visual, the lessons are visual and therefore, language is not an issue," he said.

Each lesson is an hour and a

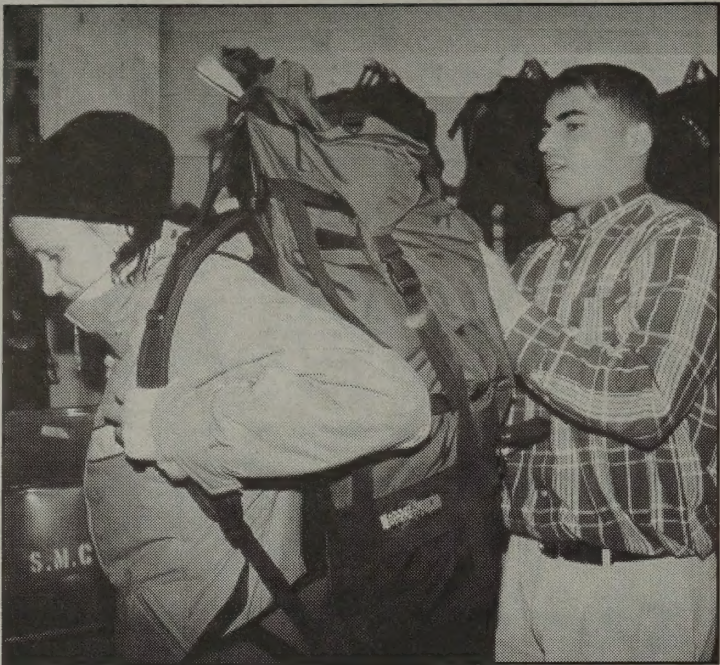


Photo by Jen Calkins

Wilderness Program member senior Mike Caruso fits junior Stephanie Kennedy with backpacking gear.

half long.

Cogan said, "The instructor's mission statement is something like to assess where you are, to improve your ski level and to make sure you have fun."

Mohammed Amin, a School of International Studies (SIS) student, went snowboarding for the first time Feb. 6.

He said the day was great, but his friend Qais Salamah, also in the SIS program, did not have such a wonderful experience.

"I went to snowboard last Sunday and I broke my leg," Salamah said.

Although he is back to classes, he said he will not try snowboarding again.

"I phoned home and I talked with my brother. He was a little angry with me because he thinks snowboarding is very dangerous," Salamah said.

Cogan said she takes lessons whenever she can.

"The more lessons, the better you get," she said. "If you get better, then what you are doing is safer, and you are having more fun."

The number of students that sign up to learn to snowboard is significantly larger than how many sign up to learn to ski.

On the Feb. 6 trip, 20 students tried snowboarding, while only two tried skiing.

Cogan, who hopes to be a snowboard instructor next year, said snowboarding seems to be easier to pick up than skiing.

She said snowboarding is more popular and it usually only takes four or five days on a board to feel confident.

The ease of learning to ski or snowboard is part of what makes the program successful, Wright said.

"Over the last couple of years we've seen that a lot of people learn to ski or snowboard with the program after a few weekends in a row," Wright said.

"The next year they may buy a season pass and go to Smugglers' on their own, which is one of the reasons why Smugglers' is interested in our program," he said.

The Wilderness Program is charged \$25 for each student that

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| Item                                | Weekend Cost | Week Cost |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Sleeping bag                        | \$4          | \$8       |
| Two-person tent                     | 5            | 10        |
| Day pack                            | 3            | 6         |
| Large pack                          | 4            | 8         |
| Trekking poles                      | 3            | 6         |
| Compass                             | .50          | 1         |
| Fuel bottle with fuel               | 2            | 4         |
| Mountaineering tool                 | 3            | 6         |
| Double boots                        | 3            | 6         |
| Rock shoes                          | 3            | 6         |
| Crampons                            | 3            | 6         |
| Instep crampons                     | 2            | 4         |
| Helmet                              | 2            | 4         |
| Snowshoes                           | 4            | 8         |
| Waxless Nordic skis                 | 6            | 12        |
| Nordic package (skis, boots, poles) | 10           | 20        |

Information courtesy of the Wilderness Program

participates in the program.

Since the students pay \$15, the Wilderness Program must pay the remaining \$10.

During the fall, the Wilderness Program sells season passes for Smugglers' Notch.

A percentage of what is sold is given to the Wilderness Program as a donation.

"That helps our budget a lot," Wright said.

"Each year we create a

whole new lot of potential season pass holders getting familiar with Smugglers' Notch," Wright said.

Aside from the learn to ski program, the Wilderness Program offers hiking, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, bicycling, climbing, mountaineering, outdoor first aid and outdoor leadership.

The Wilderness Program rents out equipment and gear for these activities.

Lecture discusses importance of self-confidence and attitude

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He said one of the most common mistakes is putting energy into the wrong place. The solution, he said, is to listen to others and develop a new plan.

He portrayed the concept by inviting a member of the audience to the front.

He asked her to balance a broom on the palm of her hand for 15 seconds, looking only at her hand.

After two failed attempts, he told her to look at the top of the broom. She then succeeded in the task.

Fish said he wanted the athletes to leave the program "having meat and potatoes—something to apply in the classroom or on the field."

"Sports is the greatest thing in the world," Fish said. They teach life skills, perseverance and teamwork, he said.

The most important aspect in preventing uncomfortable situations is pride, Fish said.

"Pride has to do with self respect. When we don't have pride, incidents happen that we aren't proud of."

Student athletes had mixed feelings about the program.

"The program is good, especially with what's going on at UVM," junior basketball player Todd Roberts said.

Knortz said while the recent incident at UVM "has opened everyone's eyes," it is not what the summit was designed to address.

Before attending the summit,

senior baseball player Andrew Gilbertson said, "We know the consequences, we understand that people die and are humiliated."

He said he thought the program was a good idea to clarify the rules for all the athletes.

Since the athletes were required to be there, many were not interested in going to the event.

"Being made to come, I wasn't looking forward to it," junior basketball player Mark Pater said. But, he added Fish provided positive aspects to change.

Members of Fire and Rescue said they could not answer questions because their club's constitution bans them from speaking to the media without permission.

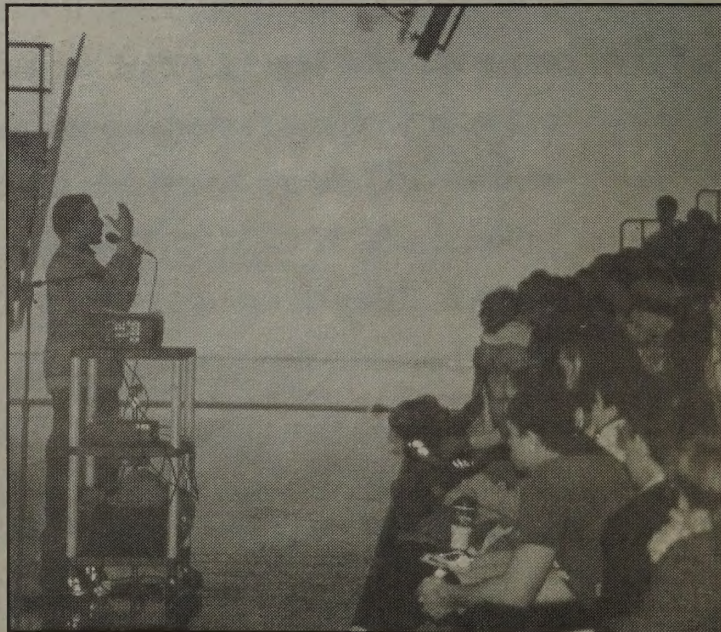


Photo by Jen Calkins

Sports psychologist Joel Fish addresses St. Michael's athletes and club members Sunday.

# Sports

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## Knights charging toward playoffs

BASKETBALL,  
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Assumption's biggest threat to St. Michael's, senior forward Bryan Moore, the NE-10's leading scorer, fouled out and received a technical foul with less than five minutes left in the game.

Moore scored only six points.

The win brought St. Michael's just one victory behind Assumption, 899 to 898, in the race to become the first Division II college in New England to achieve 900 wins.

Sophomore guard Tunde Adekola led St. Michael's with 22 points against Bentley on Saturday.

Sophomore guard Anthony Scott scored eight of his 17 points in a late-game spurt that helped the Knights come back from a five-point half-time deficit.

St. Michael's never trailed again, setting a school record for best free throw percentage in a game, making 18 of 18 shots from the stripe.

Scott added nine rebounds, while Chandler chipped in 12 points off the bench.

The wins put St. Michael's in a tie for fourth place with Bentley in the NE-10.

The men close out the regular season at Le Moyne College on Feb. 23.

The women finish up at St. Anselm College Feb. 25.

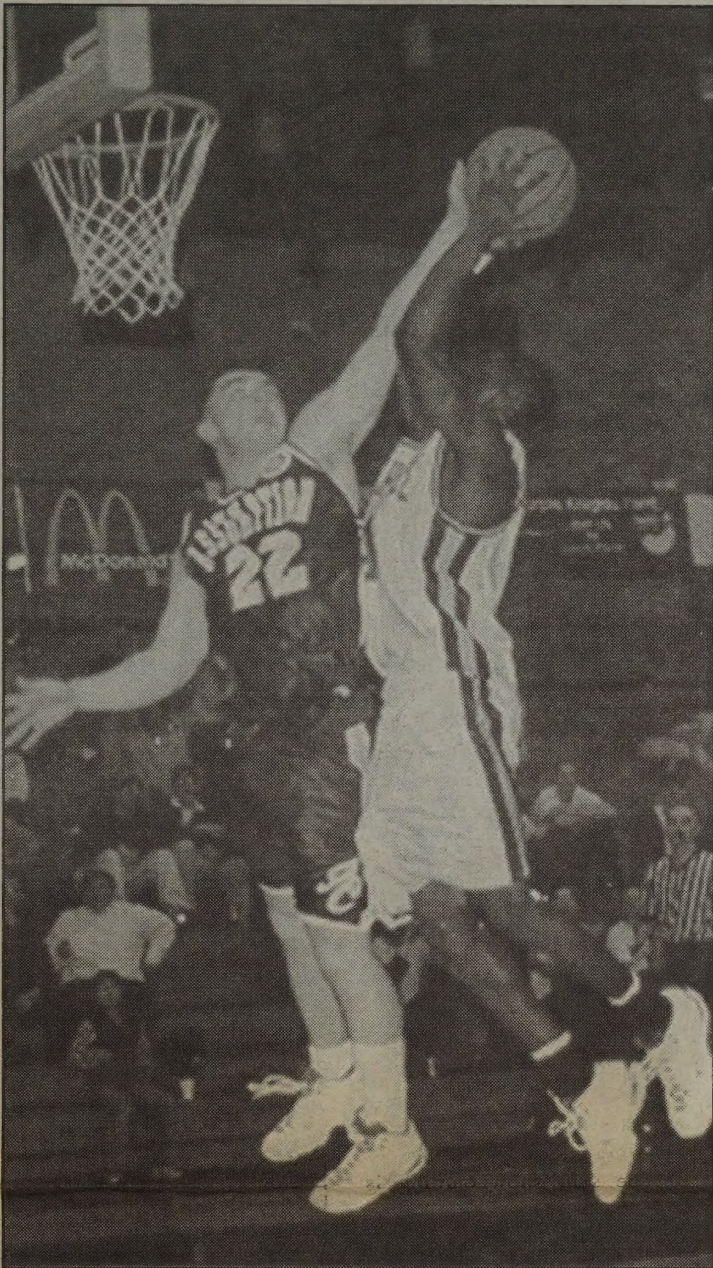


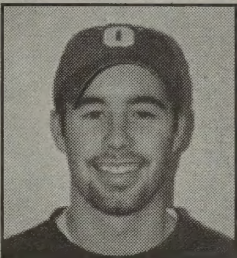
Photo by Nate Thompson  
Sophomore Tunde Adekola led St. Michael's against Bentley Saturday, scoring 22 points.



### The Knight Writer

## Fans need lesson in conduct

Heckling often endangers spectators, players



By Nate Thompson  
Managing Editor

While all St. Michael's fans were cheering after the men's basketball game against Assumption College on Feb. 9, they weren't all cheering during it.

A small group of St. Michael's spectators, and one in particular, really *blew* it at this game.

The repeated heckling of an Assumption player went too far when one fan blew a whistle during his free throw attempts.

Officials acted quickly, threatening to call a technical foul on St. Michael's if it happened again, which prompted Purple Knights coach Tom O'Shea to come to center court and give a quick lesson on sportsmanship.

Assumption was allowed to re-shoot the free throw, and the game ended without further incident.

In a day and age where player sportsmanship is stressed, are we forgetting there is a code of conduct for fans too?

At all levels of sport, amateur and professional, it seems many of today's fans are rooting for the other team to lose more than they are cheering for their team to win.

Fans do have a certain responsibility to make it "uncomfortable" for the other team and

uphold home court advantage, but to what extent?

Most people would agree that blowing a whistle during a basketball game is going too far, but what about heckling players? You don't often see fans reprimanded for doing that.

In what seems to have become a tradition at St. Michael's hockey games, fans jeer and taunt the opposing goaltender.

On Jan. 22, some spectators reported seeing a Suffolk University player throw a puck into the crowd.

While opposing players have a responsibility to compete with the other team and not with fans, perhaps player heckling should be policed to keep spectators safe.

How many times have coaches had to address their own fans to protect players from things thrown onto the field of play?

Some NHL fans have gone from throwing hats onto the ice in hockey games, to throwing rats, and seafood!

What's next? Will fans be crowd surfing in the grand stands, and moshing in the box seats?

Without question more should be done to ensure the safety of players and fans, and a line must be drawn.

That's not to suggest all types of heckling are inappropriate.

Comments made by fans toward opposing players that deal with the game, have and always will be part of the game.

It's when a fan's words or actions physically disrupt play (i.e. blowing a whistle) that the spectator should be kicked out of the game.

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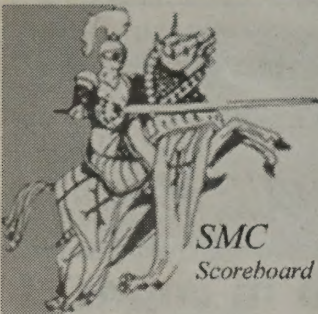
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**Men's hockey**

Feb. 12

SMC 4, Framingham 2  
(10-12, 10-4 ECAC NE)

Feb. 19 at Assumption

**Men's basketball**

Feb. 12

SMC 71, Bentley 57  
(15-8, 9-6 NE-10)Tunde Adekola 22 points  
Anthony Scott 17 points, 9  
rebounds  
Jared Chandler 12 points

Feb. 19 at Bryant 3:30

**Women's basketball**

Feb. 12

SMC 56, Bentley 93  
(6-15, 2-11 NE-10)Tara Clark 17 points, 7  
rebounds  
Liz LeFebvre 12 pointsFeb. 19 at Bryant at  
1:30**Swimming and diving**

(Men 2-4, Women 1-5)

Feb. 18

at New England meet  
(Women) at Bowdoin**Alpine and Nordic skiing**

Feb. 11-12

SMC 9th of 11 teams

Keith Farnand 15th in men's  
giant slalom, 13th in slalom  
Justin Higley 19th in slalomFeb. 18-19 at Williams  
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# 'Hazing summit' educates athletes

*Sports psychologist Joel Fish stresses importance of self-confidence, attitude***By Rhonda Miner**  
Sports Editor

Sports psychologist Joel Fish spoke to a crowd of about 400 people Sunday at the Ross Sports Center, encouraging them to think in-depth on the issues of hazing and peer pressure.

St. Michael's varsity athletes, Fire and Rescue and the rugby teams were specifically invited to attend the hazing summit, Athletic Director Geri Knortz said.

The athletes and club members were spoken to in a private meeting before the presentation.

The half-hour session included information on the expectations of the athletes and club members at St. Michael's and explained what to do if haz-

ing or initiation is suspected, Knortz said.

Fish is the director of the Center for Sports Psychology in Philadelphia. He has advised more than 150 teams at the high school, college and professional levels.

Fish has worked with the Philadelphia Phillies and 76ers, the U.S. gymnastic team and the U.S. National Women's Soccer team.

In the lecture, which was open to the public, Fish extended his discussion to areas of life beyond sports, including classes and relationships.

Fish incorporated five basic principles into the lecture: self-confidence, temper control, team work, attitude and respect.

"Everything I want to talk

about today has one thing in common, the mental part," he said.

Individual personalities react differently to each occurrence, Fish said.

"Everyone's going to see something differently," he said in recognition of what types of incidents could be humiliating to an individual.

Such things as singing a school song in the cafeteria, running naked across campus and being blindfolded and left a mile from home were compared as equally traumatizing, depending on the person.

"Most of us really do know right from wrong," Fish said, but suggested it's often difficult to express thoughts if pressured.

"It takes courage to express your thought if someone is doing

something wrong," Fish said.

"Of all the difficult feelings I suggest we need help with, we need to learn to deal with peer pressure," Fish said.

He also said that many people don't take responsibility for actions they don't agree with if they are not considered the "leaders" of the team.

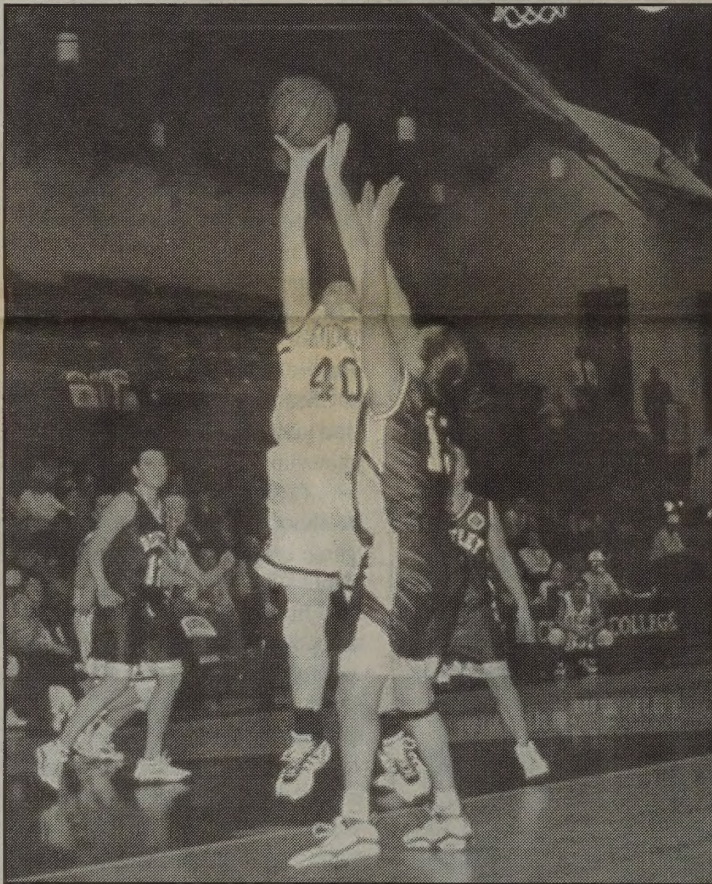
"Captains often get stuck between a rock and a hard place," he said.

"Pressure is not the issue at this age; it's learning to deal with the pressure," Fish said.

"Emotions, feelings and decisions aren't the enemy at this level."

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## St. Michael's hoopsters finish important stretch

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Photos by Nate Thompson  
Junior Nicole Chalmers goes strong to the hoop against Bentley.

St. Michael's men's basketball team won two home games last week, while the Lady Knights dropped two against Assumption College and Bentley College.

The Lady Knights fell behind by 15 points early in their game against Assumption and went on to lose 86-69 Feb. 9. Bentley's women beat St. Michael's 93-56 Feb. 12.

Freshman center Liz LeFebvre led the Lady Knights against Assumption with a career-high 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior forward Tara Clark scored 13 points and freshman guard Jes Hambley added 12 points.

Against Bentley, Clark led the women with 17 points and 7 rebounds, while LeFebvre scored 12 points.

The Lady Knights have never defeated Bentley in basketball.

The men's team defeated Assumption 88-66, Feb. 9 and Bentley 71-57, Feb. 12.

The Purple Knights took advantage of a strong start against Assumption, using pressure defense to force several turnovers.

Up 48-21 at the intermission, St. Michael's continued to lead by as many as 30 points throughout the rest of the game.

Freshman guard Jared Chandler led the Knights with 20 points and six assists, while junior guard/forward Mark Pater added 18 points and junior forward Todd Roberts scored 13 points while grabbing 11 rebounds.

Junior guard Brian Miles, in his third game back since missing time with a back injury, dished out eight assists.

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Junior guard Mark Pater defends a Bentley player in a half-court press, on Saturday. Pater scored 18 points in the Purple Knights' victory against Assumption. The men's record is now 15-8 overall, and 9-6 in the NE-10. The Knights are currently tied for 4th in the conference with Bentley College, three games behind NE-10 leader St. Anselm College.